

Memorandum



Date: April 11, 2013

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To: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Supplement to
Agenda Item No. 1(F)1

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

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Subject: Ordinance Requiring Supervisor of Elections to Allow Voters to Select a Preferred Ballot Language and to Provide Voters Ballots Printed Exclusively in the Language of the Voters Preference

The proposed ordinance requires the Supervisor of Elections to allow registered voters to select a preferred ballot language and to provide the ballot exclusively in the language of the voter's preference. Implementation of this ordinance will have a fiscal impact to the County that is difficult to determine at this time. To date, cost estimates total \$1,095,180 from vendors who have expressed necessary system upgrades, such as Elections Systems and Software for ballot coding, Pitney Bowes for absentee ballot processing, and VR Systems for voter registration system upgrades. Estimates are still pending from other critical vendors.

In addition, an increase to ballot styles by a factor of four is estimated. For example, during the last primary election, the County had a total of 372 ballot styles (variations). If this ordinance was implemented for that election, the County would have had 1,488 ballot styles. Also, an increase in ballot printing is projected, until such time that the County has sufficient voter preference data to make reliable assumptions. Therefore, the Department estimates the fiscal impact of printing ballots in separate languages to be an additional \$166,115 assuming a one-page ballot.

The total estimated fiscal impact is \$1,261,295. The Department continues to assess the additional operational and fiscal impacts of this ordinance.

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Alina T. Hudak
Deputy Mayor